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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I understand that you are currently reviewing public comments on the Microsoft settlement and I am pleased to have this chance to participate.

John Ashcroft's team was smart to go after a reasonable settlement of this case that has been hanging around since 1998. My only disappointment is that Kansas was not one of the many states that joined this settlement. I do not understand why our Attorney General Carla Stovall has banded together with Microsoft's competitors to pursue breaking up this strong and vibrant company. Ignoring the real benefits of this settlement ignores the needs of the technology industry and the national economy.

I am appalled that private corporations like Oracle and AOL-Time Warner are so committed to continued litigation. Apparently the decision-makers in this company refuse to see the negative effects their actions and this suit have had on the economy as a whole. They, along with the AGs still on the case, also seem to believe that break-up is the only acceptable solution. I believe this shows their true colors.

For those who believe Microsoft was guilty of some wrong doing this agreement provides many solutions. For example, it provides guaranteed flexibility for computer manufacturers, Microsoft must is not allowed to punish manufacturers who do not promote Windows and Microsoft is required to share certain sensitive information that will definitely put their competitors at an advantage. And to top it all of, a Technology Committee that will make sure Microsoft is living up to all aspects of the settlement will guard the integrity of the agreement.

Please accept this settlement.

Sincerely,

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